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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SESSION OF DISARMAMENT: APRIL 3  
BARTON GROUP DISCUSSION

SUMMARY: CANADIAN AND JAPANESE REP SUGGESTED THAT BARTON GROUP CONSIDER ASKING PREPCOM V TO ADOPT RESOLUTION URGING COMPLETION OF SALT II, CTB AND CW NEGOTIATIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO SSOD. US AND UK REPS STATED THAT SUCH A RESOLUTION COULD ONLY RAISE UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS AND WOULD IMPLY ACCEPTANCE OF AN ARBITRARY DEADLINE WITHOUT CONTRIBUTING TO NEGOTIATING PROCESS. THERE WAS ALSO DISCUSSION OF WORK SCHEDULE FOR PREPCOM V AND CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SSOD DRAFT DOCUMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING CONTINUATION OF BARTON GROUP DISCUSSION (REFTEL) ON APRIL 4, CANADIAN PERMREP BARTON, SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, SUGGESTED PREPCOM V COULD ADOPT A RESOLUTION URGING COMPLETION OF SALT II, CTB AND CW NEGOTIATIONS IN TIME FOR THEIR PRESENTATION TO THE SSOD. THIS KIND OF PRESSURE, BARTON SAID, COULD HELP TO ACCELERATE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIA-  
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TIONS, HE SAID, WOULD AFFECT THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. JAPANESE REP OGISO, REFERRING TO HIS RECENT STATEMENT AT THE CCD, ADDED THAT WERE IT NOT POSSIBLE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE AT LEAST ELEMENTS OR PARTIAL AGREEMENTS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE SSOD. STATING THAT HE ALSO WAS SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, HE SUPPORTED BARTON'S

SUGGESTION THAT PREPCOM V URGE THE PARTIES TO EXPEDITE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS.

2. US REP, INREPLY, RECALLED THAT THE 32ND UNGA ALREADY HAD ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS RESOLUTIONS URGING RAPID COMPLETION OF SALT, CTB AND CW NEGOTIATIONS, AND ASKING US AND USSR TO REPORT TO THE SSOD ON THE STATUS OF THE SALT TALKS. US NEGOTIATORS WERE CERTAINLY AWARE OF THE CONCERN OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE SPECIAL SESSION AND IT WAS UNCLEAR WHAT PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY ANOTHER RESOLUTION. IT WOULD BE INCORRECT, HE CONTINUED, TO IMPLY THAT THE PARTIES TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS WERE PROCRASTINATING DELIBERATELY OR SLOWING DOWN THEIR EFFORTS. MOREOVER, IT WOULD BE A DISSERVICE FOR THE WEST TO ACCEPT OR TO IMPLY THAT THERE SHOULD BE A DEADLINE FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND, WERE THEY NOT COMPLETED BY JUNE, THAT THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE A FAILURE.

3. UK CCD REP ASHE, ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THE CTB NEGOTIATIONS, SAID THAT IT WAS WRONG TO SUGGEST THAT THE THREE PARTICIPANTS WERE DELIBERATELY MOVING SLOWLY. THE NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVED IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX ISSUES, SOME OF WHICH STILL REMAINED UNRESOLVED. ESTABLISHING OF A DEADLINE WHICH WE CANNOT MEET, HE SAID, WILL ONLY LEAD TO GREATER DISAPPOINTMENT. ON OGISO'S POSITION, ASHE SAID THAT ANY AGREEMENT MUST BE CONSIDERED AS A -  
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WHOLE AND IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SUBMIT ELEMENTS IN PIECE-MEAL FASHION TO THE SSOD. FRG REP (PFEIFFER) SAID THAT HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE SOVIETS IN GENEVA INDICATED THAT THEY ALSO WOULD OBJECT TO ANY EFFORT BY PREPCOM V TO SET ARBITRARY DEADLINE FOR THE COMPLETION OF ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS.

4. PARTICIPANTS AT THE APRIL 1-2 STANLEY FOUNDATION CONFERENCE ON THE SSOD INDICATED THAT THEIR DISCUSSION WITH NON-ALIGNED AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS REVEALED THE SAME CONCERN AND PESSIMISM REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING CONSENSUS AT THE SPECIAL SESSION AS HAD BEEN EXPRESSED AT THE MARCH 30 BARTON GROUP MEETING. ITALIAN REP REPORTED USYG BUFFUM'S PROPOSAL FOR PERIODIC MEETINGS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT FOREIGN MINISTER OR HIGHER LEVEL AND OF INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED GROUP OF "WISE MEN" TO REVIEW PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT.

5. UK REP REPORTED IN FURTHER DETAIL ON DEMARCHES TO NON-ALIGNED CAPITALS. YUGOSLAVS AND INDIANS ONLY LISTENED, PAKISTANIS INDICATED RESISTANCE, AND ONLY MALAYSIA SHOWED SOME WILLINGNESS TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION. IN GENERAL,

HE SAID, UK WAS DISCOURAGED BY THE RESULTS OF THESE SOUNDINGS.

6. DUTCH REP DISTRIBUTED COPY OF WORKING PAPER PROPOSING AN INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT AGENCY ALREADY PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT (STATE 084363) AND SAID IT WOULD BE GIVEN TO UN SECRETARIAT TODAY FOR CIRCULATION TO PREPCOM DELEGATIONS.

7. AUSTRALIAN REP REPORTED THAT PREPCOM CHAIRMAN ENVISAGES DEVOTING 7 DAYS OF PREPCOM V TO CONTINUING EFFORTS TO WORK ON THE DRAFT DOCUMENT AND 3 DAYS TO PREPARE THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO THE SPECIAL SESSION.  
THE CHAIRMAN WANTS NO MORE THAN THREE FORMAL PREPCOM CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETINGS TO MAXIMIZE TIME AVAILABLE FOR NEGOTIATING THE DRAFT TEXTS. HE BELIEVES TWO DRAFTING GROUPS CAN MEET SIMULTANEOUSLY. WANTS PREPCOM TO CONSIDER MACHINERY ISSUES AND NOT DEFER THEM TO THE SSOD. RE NGO PARTICIPA-

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TION, AUSTRALIAN REP REPORTED THAT CHAIRMAN PLANS NO FURTHER INITIATIVES. US AND UK REPS RECOMMENDED THAT HE BE ASKED TO REPEAT ON THE RECORD AS STATED ON FEBRUARY 24,

THAT IT IS NOW UP TO NGOS TO MAKE PROPOSAL TO THE PREPCOM  
RE MODALITIES FOR THEIR PRESENTATIONS TO COMMITTEE OF  
THE WHOLE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION.

8. IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION, THE GROUP  
CONTINUED ITS INFORMAL REVIEW OF THE DRAFT TEXT ON THE  
DECLARATION. LEONARD

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